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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, US, LE

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 15 FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE. IN PRESENTING LETTER YOU MAY INDICATE OUR REGRET WE WERE UNABLE TO DELIVER TEXT WHILE PRESIDENT FRANGIE WAS STILL IN U.S.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I HAVE LONG BEEN GRATIFIED BY THE TRADITION OF CLOSE, FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE TIES BETWEEN LEBANON AND THE UNITED STATES AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE RELATIONS CAN BE STRENGTHENED FOR THE FUTURE. IT WAS MY STRONG HOPE THAT OUR SCHEDULES WOULD HAVE PERMITTED YOU TO VISIT WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH MY SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL ABROAD PRECLUDED A CONVENIENT MEETING WITH YOU AT THIS TIME, I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE. I BELIEVE THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS AND I THEREFORE WANT TO RE-EXTEND MY INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT AN EARLY CONVENIENT TIME.

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MR. PRESIDENT, I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO AFFIRM  
TO YOU THE COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE WITH  
ITS EFFORTS TO HELP BRING ABOUT A JUST, DURABLE AND FINAL  
SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM KEENLY AWARE OF THE  
IMPORTANCE WHICH YOU ATTACH TO THIS GOAL AND WHAT IT  
WILL MEAN FOR LEBANON. IT IS MY HOPE THAT OUR TWO NATIONS  
WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT CLOSELY IN THE PURSUIT OF A  
PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WITH WARM BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR SUCCESSFUL  
JOURNEY HOME.

SINCERELY,  
GERALD R. FORD

END MESSAGE.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH. KISSINGER

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